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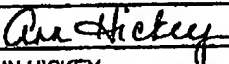
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As set forth in the Office Action mailed November 13, 2006, the Examiner asserts that claims 13-20 (Group I), and claims 21-28 (Group II), are drawn to distinct species. The Examiner therefore requires Applicant to select for examination the claims of Group I or II. In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute for examination purposes, the invention identified in Group I, claims 13-20. The restriction requirement is respectfully overcome.

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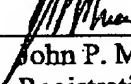
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